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Field Station Class A Accounting System

An office of Finance careerist, who is currently

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Systems Staff designed and implemented a system for mechanizing the Class A accounting. This system which utilizes a minicomputer allows the finance officer to process his vouchers and produce financial reports on the computer and thus alleviated what had formerly been a large manual effort and also eliminated the hand posted records. This system has the potential to serve as a model in designing and implementing similar systems in other Class A installations and could serve as a pilot in the upcoming CRAFT Project.

The system hardware consists of a PDP8 floppy disk system with a VT-52 DECSCOPE video display terminal and an LA 180 DECPRINTER I highspeed printer. The system is programmed in FORTRAN.

The input is effected at the terminal employing a prompter and at that time a series of edits are performed upon the data to ensure accuracy.

The system outputs include a listing of the vouchers entered (Attachment 1) which lists the vouchers sequentially by voucher number; a voucher register (Attachment 2); a cash on hand for both checking and cash accounts (Attachments 3 and 4); an advance account subsidiary (Attachment 5) which lists the advances by individual and amount; a summary of station accountability (Attachment 6) which records the transfers in and out; and expense subsidiaries (Attachment 7) which shows the expenses by project, fiscal year and sub-object classifications.

Historical data can be retrieved from the system by sequential access which involves mounting the disk for the desired month and listing transactions.

The O/F project is now incorporating enhancements to the system which include implementing additional cash subsidiaries to include foreign currencies and a conversion routine to convert to U.S. dollars. They are also designing an obligation module to allow for capture of obligations in the system and provide for their reporting in a manner compatible with GAS and FRS.

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The Office of Finance is currently reviewing the feasibility of the conversion of the above system to a microprocessor (under \$5,000), that would make the system readily and cheaply accessible to every overseas Class A station. The next step would be to discuss feasible ways to interface the system into the overseas CRAFT system.

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